

National Heritage Areas Alliance Update

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CANE RIVER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA RECEIVES *Preserve America Presidential Award*

Cane River NHA executive director Nancy Morgan, her board, her staff and her many partners in the Cane River National Heritage Area in Natchitoches, LA are recent recipients of the prestigious annual Preserve America Presidential Award.

A ceremony was held on May 9th at 3:00 p.m. at The White House. Accepting on behalf of Natchitoches and the Cane River National Heritage Area were Wayne McCullen, mayor of Natchitoches, and Nancy Morgan. Dayton Sherrouse, Chairman of the Board of the Alliance of National Heritage Areas, was in attendance to represent the ANHA.

The 4 recipients were chosen through a national competition administered by the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation in cooperation with the Executive Office of the President, and in partnership with the U.S. Department of the Interior. For more information on the award, visit www.preserveamerica.gov. For photographs and information on the 2007 Preserve America Presidential Award winners, visit www.preserveamerica.gov/presidentialaward.html.



Heritage Development Institute Holds Workshop on Management Planning

On April 24, 2007, the Alliance of National Heritage Area's Heritage Development Institute held a workshop on Management Planning for new National Heritage Areas in Yuma, Arizona.

The workshop was held the day before the Alliance's Spring board meeting.

Represented at the

event were board members from the Great Basin National Heritage Tour Route in Nevada and Utah, Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area in Utah, and the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area in New Mexico, as well as their regional partners from the National Park Service (NPS). The seventeen attendees benefited from the experienced faculty of heritage area leaders including Dan Rice from the Ohio and Erie Canalway, Howard Kittel from the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Historic District and host Charlie Flynn from the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area. Barbara Johnson from the NPS Denver Service Center also offered the principles of management planning, and the workshop

included a lively question and answer session. Many thanks to the staff of the Yuma Crossing National heritage Area for offering a post-workshop canoe trip on the Colorado River to see the extensive invasive species removal and revegetation in the area's East Wetlands. A similar workshop is planned for the East Coast in late Summer/early Fall. For more

information, contact John Cosgrove at anha.cosgrove@comcast.net or 202-528-7549.



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News from the Heritage Areas

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Receives Explore New York Grant

The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area has received a \$25,000 grant from I Love New York's Explore New York Grant Program to assist in the development of "New Amsterdam to Fort Orange: A Passenger's Guide to the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area." This educational resource will be located on Amtrak trains and will educate passengers traveling through the Hudson Valley about the resources visible from their window and the



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communities in the region where station stops exist. This initiative will not only educate a large audience about the significance of the valley but will also encourage passengers to explore the resources of the region which will, in turn, stimulate local economies. For more information, visit

<http://www.hudsonrivervalley.org>



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Legislative Update

S. 1182 - to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to increase the authorization of appropriations and modify the date on which the authority of the Secretary of the Interior terminates under the Act, introduced by Chris Dodd (D-CT) on April 20.

H.R. 1949 - to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994, to increase the authorization of appropriations and modify the date on which the authority of the Secretary of the Interior terminates under the Act, introduced by Joe Courtney (D-CT) on April 19.

H.R. 1885 - to establish the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area in Arizona, and for other purposes, introduced by Raul Grijalva (D-AZ) on April 17.

To view a complete list of heritage area legislation introduced to date, visit <http://www.cr.nps.gov/heritageareas/LEG/introbills110.pdf>

Partners Column

Send Your Entries to the National Historic Landmark Photo Contest

Entries are now being accepted for Imaging Our Heritage, the 8th annual National Historic Landmarks Photo Contest. The National Park Service is seeking images that celebrate the heritage and history of the nation's over 2,440 National Historic Landmarks.

Print and digital formats will be accepted and must be post-marked or e-mailed by June 30, 2007. Winners will be announced in September and the top photos will be compiled into a 2008 calendar.

For questions and comments, please contact Lisa Kolakowsky, National Park Service, Northeast Region, at lisa_kolakowsky@nps.gov or (215) 597-7946. To learn more about National Historic Landmarks, or to search for a landmark near you, please visit <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nhl/> For official entry rules and form and to view winning photos from previous years, visit <http://www.nps.gov/nero/nhlphoto>



photo by R. Rogers

NPS Travel Itineraries Receive ACHP Award For Federal Preserve America Accomplishment

The National Park Service (NPS) Discover Our Shared Heritage Travel Itineraries received honors for its new feature which encourages heritage tourists to visit Preserve America Communities and offers detailed travel information and Web links to other communities designated under the initiative. The presentation was made to NPS Director Mary A. Bomar and Carol D. Shull, chief of the Cultural Heritage Education Services office that creates and maintains the feature, at the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's (ACHP) winter business meeting on Feb. 23, 2007.

The NPS promotes heritage tourism, education, and historic preservation in communities throughout the nation via the online Discover Our Shared Heritage Travel Itinerary Series (www.cr.nps.gov/nr/travel/). Travelers can print any of the 43 itineraries on the NPS site showcasing almost 1,900 historic places. Each itinerary spotlights different geographic regions, communities, Heritage Areas, and themes across the nation, exposing travelers to registered historic places significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture. The itineraries include interactive maps, contextual essays, photographs, descriptions of each place, and tourist information.

The itineraries are created by a partnership of the NPS; National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO); federal, state, and local governments; and private organizations. The NPS developed the itineraries as a demonstration program to encourage other entities and individuals to create their own itineraries, or to partner with the NPS to do so. The travel itineraries website receive 50,000 visitors per week, or about 2.6 million per year. The website hosts three itineraries that feature the following NHAs: Cane River in Louisiana; Delaware & Lehigh in Pennsylvania; and Ohio and Erie CanalWay in Ohio. To read and download the itineraries, visit <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/travel/>



Conferences, Workshops *and* Events

Register Now for the 2007 International Heritage Development Conference

Online registration is now available for the 2007 International Heritage Development Conference, to be held in Detroit June 18-21. The conference will feature a keynote address from renowned film producer Ken Burns; in-the-field “regional labs” in the Detroit area and neighboring Canada; educational sessions and all-inclusive evening events; and a ceremony recognizing a new partnership with the French system of Regional Nature Parks (Parcs Naturels Regionaux). For more information, visit www.IHDC2007.org



The National Scenic Byways Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, on May 20-23, 2007!

Share ideas with hundreds of byway supporters and professionals during four nonstop days of exciting networking and learning opportunities. Explore the latest strategies and best practices in:

- Fundraising
- Organizational Development
- Corridor Management
- Visitor Experience
- Marketing

Trek nearby byways and gain insights from on-the-road experiences, too.

The conference features a tour of Baltimore City Heritage Area, led by director Bill Pencek, and a panel discussion on the ways that National Heritage Areas, Scenic Byways, and National Historic and Scenic Trails can partner to achieve their conservation and development goals. With all that Baltimore and the Washington DC areas have to offer, you might plan a few extra days to explore on your own. For more information, please visit www.bywaysonline.org/center/events/conferences/2007/



For more information on heritage areas, please visit our websites.

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Send your heritage area events and news to the editor by the 18th of the month for inclusion in the following month's bulletin.

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Publications *and* Resources

New Manual Helps Preservationists Build The Case For Reuse

“That old building isn’t good for anything—let’s demolish it and start fresh!” Preservationists know otherwise, and a new publication available from the National Trust’s Preservation Books series will help them make an informed and realistic argument for reuse. *The Feasibility Assessment Manual for Historic Buildings*, by real estate consultant Donovan Rypkema, provides a step-by-step process and a set of questions to enable an assessment team to determine whether or not a building project is feasible and then prepare a written report to support the team’s findings. Following the steps set out in the manual, the feasibility team begins by identifying objectives, gathering and evaluating information, and finally reaching a conclusion as to feasibility of reusing the building. A CD-ROM includes Microsoft Excel spreadsheets to help team members calculate capital costs, income and expenses, and operating costs.

The manual includes an outline for the final report, which allows the team to organize its research into a logical format to answer the question, “Is the project feasible?” The 104-page book is available for \$40 (\$36 for National Trust members; \$30 for Forum and Main Street members), plus shipping & handling. Bulk discounts are also available. Order number is 2B25 from Preservation Books, www.preservationbooks.org, 202-588-6296.

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*Coming
this summer!*

The Heritage Development Partnership is releasing its second issue of the Partnership Magazine at the International Heritage Development Conference (IHDC) in MotorCities National Heritage Area in Detroit, Michigan. The IHDC will be held from June 18th through the 21st. This issue of Partnership Magazine will feature articles on the positive impacts of heritage development on the quality of life of residents and communities in State and National Heritage Areas. For more information on how to receive copies, e-mail anha.cosgrove@comcast.net.

Registration now Open!

Come join us at the 2007
**International Heritage
Development Conference,**
June 18-21
in Detroit Michigan.



Broadening the Heritage Area Idea: The West Embraces National Heritage Areas

Great Basin National Heritage Route, designated in 2006, is one of 10 new areas that add to the diversity of landscapes and historical periods represented by National Heritage Areas. On the central border between Nevada and Utah, the heritage route includes Millard County, Utah; White Pine County, Nevada; the Duckwater Shoshone Reservation; and the Ely Shoshone Reservation. The route highlights a classic western landscape that contains long natural vistas, isolated high desert valleys, mountain ranges, ranches, mines, historic railroads, archeological sites and tribal communities. Great Basin National Park is also centrally located within the National Heritage Route.



photo by K. Fillman

The Heritage Route encapsulates a wide range of historical time periods, events, and cultures. Ethnic communities of Serbs, Greeks, Basques and Italians survive whose ancestors provided the labor for ranching, railroading and mining enterprises to help build the country. Mormon settlers and other early pioneers are reflected in the living cultural tradition of the Great Basin. Archeological sites, petroglyphs, and pictographs illustrate Native American history as do the active communities of Western Shoshone, Paiute and Goshute tribes.

The region hosted early explorers, settler-Indian conflicts in the 1850s, and other pioneer activity, including the Pony Express route and stations, and Overland Stage. Select sites on the route include the Nevada Northern Railway Museum in Ely, Nevada, "the best preserved, least altered, and most complete main yard complex remaining from the steam railroad era;" the Territorial Statehouse, which represents Mormon pioneer history in Fillmore, Utah; and the Topaz Japanese Relocation Camp near Delta, Utah, which illustrates the lesser known history of Japanese internment during World War II. Together, these diverse communities and historic resources illustrate the challenges of life in the arid west throughout the development of the United States.

Recognizing the unique landscape and cross sections of the American experience, the Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership, the local coordinating entity, developed its mission to promote knowledge of the history and heritage of the central area of the Great Basin. The Partnership seeks to: 1) Create adequate library and research facilities to provide increased information for local people and school children about their heritage; 2) Provide increased information for travelers and potential travelers to the Great Basin, including its importance to the history of the United States; 3) Preserve important landmarks within the area; and 4) Provide heritage-related materials for the promotion of economic development through heritage tourism. For more information, visit <http://www.greatbasinheritage.org>



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